



Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks

Brit Rosso Receives *Paul Gleason "Lead by Example" Award*

On February 9, 2006, Brit Rosso was presented with the *Paul Gleason "Lead by Example" Award*. Rosso was nominated for the award by his peers in the interagency Hotshot community for his outstanding skills in mentoring and teamwork. Rosso has served the last ten years as the Superintendent of the Arrowhead Hotshots based in Kings Canyon National Park.

"We are so proud of Brit's accomplishments and we highly value his leadership within our fire program," said David Bartlett, Acting Fire Management Officer for Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks. "It is a pleasure to see him receive this national award."

Over one hundred fire managers from across the western United States participated in the award presentation during a course at the Wildland Fire Training and Conference Center in Sacramento, California.

The *Paul Gleason "Lead by Example" Award* is presented by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group to remember Paul Gleason and recognize individuals that exhibit his same spirit and dedication to leadership. During his career, Paul Gleason mentored firefighters, he studied and taught wildland fire, and through his contributions to the wildland fire community, improved firefighter safety. Gleason succumbed to cancer in 2003 following a wildland fire career that spanned several decades.



Top Photo: Brit Rosso accepts Paul Gleason Award. Bottom Photo: Bill Kaage, Regional Deputy Fire Management Officer for the National Park Service Pacific West Region speaks about Rosso to a group of interagency fire managers during the award presentation.